

The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows:
Going North—2.35 a.m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m., 8.05 p.m. and 8.55 p.m.
Going South—1.05 a.m., 1.15 p.m., and 8 p.m.
For Odessa—2.05 a.m., 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 4.30 p.m.
For Warrenton, Odessa and Barville 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., SEPT. 19, 1909

Local News

FOR SALE—1000 bushels Seed Wheat.
JAMES E. HOLLAND, Milford, Delaware.
10-inch double-faced Disc Records, 65c.
E. J. Records 35c and 50c at
Moxie's.

Dr. J. C. Stiles has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

Now is the time to have your teeth attended to. Don't wait for hot weather. Dr. Johnson will give you up-to-date service. Fresh gas daily.

E. H. Beck, Real Estate Broker, has sold the farm belonging to Omar D. Crothers, Esq., located adjoining Elkton, containing 123 acres, to Henry P. Wilhelm of Philadelphia, Pa., for \$10,000.

Send your items and personal notices into the paper, that is the way to help make it interesting. Just sign your name, we won't publish it, and then the article will be sure of getting in.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending September 19: Mary Anna Brown, Mrs. Brack, Stella Gibbs, Mrs. F. Slaughter, Mr. Enoch Kale.

After October first, the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 3.30 to 5; Friday, 7 to 8.30; Saturday, 3 to 5. The Library will be open on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 8.30, for school children exclusively.

The new Delaware bay patrol boat, the S. S. Pennwell, owned by the State and commissioned to protect its oyster beds, arrived at Port Mahon in Delaware waters Tuesday morning and was formally received on Thursday.

A bazaar will be held by the ladies of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in the Town Hall, Middletown, Del., September 28th, 29th and 30th. Open each evening at 7.30 and on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4. All are cordially invited.

The Sunday School Convention of Appoquinimink and Blackbird hundreds will be held in Salem Methodist Protestant Church, Warwick Circuit, Tuesday, September 28th. Prominent speakers will address the convention. All Sunday School workers are especially invited to be present.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand as it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD. Phone 6. J. E. L. SHERKID.

WANTED—Reliable party to run an established Tea and Coffee wagon in Middletown and vicinity selling to consumers. Large inducements to purchasers and liberal terms to agents. Address at once, GRAND UNION TEA COMPANY, 120 King Street, Wilmington, Del.

All this week the tomato glut has continued in all parts of Delaware. Favorable weather has caused the fruit to flow up well, and the canners are getting the largest pack in the history of tomato growing; as the tomato is almost solid meat and devoid of water.

Miss Sarah B. Walker of Wilmington, who was recently elected assistant principal of the Middletown High Schools, has resigned, because of illness. Miss Laura Collins also of Wilmington, and a graduate of West Chester State Normal School, has been chosen to succeed Miss Walker and entered upon her new duties on Wednesday.

The post office department has ruled that all guessing contests such as naming the number of beans in a bottle, the number of admissions that will be sold at a fair, the number of cigars that will be made in a factory, etc., constitute a lottery and that a newspaper that contains mention of any such guessing contests cannot be circulated in the mails.

The annual inspection of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad will be held on October 20th. Prices for well-kept tracks will amount to \$4,500. H. W. Myers, successor of W. W. Atterbury as general manager, will have charge of the inspection. Two hundred and fifty persons will be in the inspection party, and they will travel in special inspection cars.

How about your stock of envelopes, letter heads, shipping tags, statements, business cards, order blanks, receipt books, due bills, circulars, postal cards and special blanks required in your business? If you have need of any of these, why not send your order to THE TRANSCRIPT office where it will receive prompt and careful attention, and where the work is guaranteed to give satisfaction. Estimates cheerfully furnished. Let us hear from you.

Are our merchants prepared to meet the competition, constantly growing more attractive to the unthinking of those allowing fall catalogues from the metropolitan department stores? Of course the bargains at home are better when you consider that the home merchant gives you personal attention and the chance to return the goods that are not what was represented. But the public forgets this trade has to be drummed, and the only efficient drummer for the home merchant is the local newspaper.

There are too many boys and girls in the country and city, more in the latter than in the former, who are prone to look upon work as beneath them. There are thousands of them on the threshold of maturity who retain the same views and habits which found encouragement in their earlier years. What becomes of this class of people? Some of them awaken and after a desperate struggle overcome the habit and learn to work, to save and to prepare for the inevitable rainy day. Many of them, however, drift and drift until they become acceptable recruits in the hobo army. Then they speedily reach the conclusion that things are mighty unequal in this world, that the advantages are all with the rich, and that a poor man has no show.

Mr. George D. Kelley is authorized to accept contributions for the silver service for the Battleship Delaware. 'Tis time is short, and all contributions should be made at the earliest possible date.

Mr. William Brockton has sold his property on South Broad Street where he now resides, to Mr. John B. Cleaver. This is one of the most desirable houses in town, having all modern improvements, and Mr. Cleaver will occupy their new home in the early spring.

Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, with a few counties in Virginia, pack per cent of the canned tomatoes of the United States, according to a report made by Bradstreet. Last season's pack, the report goes on to say, was about 13,000,000 cases, so it will be readily seen that this industry is an important one.

Last Sunday evening at George Templeman and his mother, of Pivot Bridge, were driving in the Second district their team was run into and the carriage demolished by a horse driven by Mr. Sartin. Mrs. Templeman was caught in the top of the splintered buggy and was badly bruised but not seriously injured and Mr. Templeman escaped with bruises.

Mr. J. Moody Rothwell celebrated his 75th birthday on Sunday last. The happy event was spent quietly at his home on Cass street by a family dinner, which was a pleasant gathering. The occasion was also celebrated as marking his 48th wedding anniversary. Mr. Rothwell is enjoying excellent health and is one of Middletown's prominent retired farmers and highly respected citizens.

The Rev. John Linday of Wilmington, who has been preaching in the Port Penn Presbyterian Church during the summer months, preached his farewell sermon on last Sunday. Mr. Linday is a theological student, and left Port Penn on Monday, to go to college. During his stay in Port Penn he made many friends who gave him a reception on Friday evening in the lecture room of the church.

Our public schools opened last Monday with an able corps of teachers. Parents should see that children are in school at the start for it means much to them. If they are late in entering they are handicapped during the whole school term. The Principal invites the parents to visit the school at any time. It would enable the parent to get a better idea of what is being done by the teachers.

The national government has appropriated \$16,694 for the use of the Organized Militia of Delaware, to be spent for supplies during the ensuing year as follows: Ammunition, \$3,215; supplies, \$3,133; arms, equipment and camp purposes, \$8,802; for promotion of rifle practice, \$2,934. In connection with rifle practice the government only recently purchased the Banks farm below New Castle, at a cost of \$7,000, the farm to be used as a rifle range.

Mr. William West, a farmer living near Odessa, met with quite an accident on East Main street Tuesday morning. Mr. West was going to the tomato canner with a large load of tomatoes, and when in front of the M. E. Parsonage, his horse was frightened by an automobile and bolted, upsetting the wagon and throwing Mr. West out. Fortunately, he was not seriously hurt, but one of his ankles was sprained. The owner of the automobile had stopped his machine before the accident occurred, and took the injured man to the office of Dr. C. A. Ritchie, and later to his home near Odessa. When questioned as to the cause of the mishap, Mr. West stated that the gentleman in the automobile was not in fault, but claimed the accident was due to his horse bolting.

MAKE ADVERTISING WIN BUSINESS

One principle of successful advertising as practiced by department stores and writers and other specialists on publicity, is to give a definite description of the goods offered. When a merchant uses such phrases as "The best in the cheapest" and "Biggest assortment and lowest prices," the consumer is not. Therefore, agree that anyone can use these catchy words and that they prove nothing. Try instead to help your reader get a mental picture of your goods. For this purpose try definite and detailed, though very brief, descriptions. Get the manufacturer of your lines to give you some definite facts about how the goods are put together, so that you can give real reasons why goods are superior. Pick out some special bargains, describe them as above indicated, and put in the price and the real value you believe them to have. Don't bother about every language. What the buyer wants is cold facts. Reason why advertising is what brings the buyer around.

Prices are the best argument of all. Of times all that is desirable is a word or two of description, with price and real value in big type.

DETECT AUGUST FOR 39 YEARS

According to the monthly meteorological summary just issued by the Baltimore Weather Bureau, August, 1909, was more barren of rain than this month has been in 39 years. The precipitation during the month was only .86 of an inch. Nineteen cloudy and partly cloudy days were recorded, but the long drought was broken only by short rains, which occurred on August 16 and 17. Since the last date no rain of any consequence has visited this section of the country.

The greatest precipitation for August in the 39 years in which Government reports have been kept occurred in 1872 when 9.49 inches of rain fell. The record for least precipitation up to the present time was established in 1875, the figure being 1.26 inches.

LEGISLATORS OF TRIP

Many members of the Legislature went to Bethany Beach, Sussex county, the home of Louis A. Drexler, Thursday, for the proposed reunion of the members of the last General Assembly. They went to Sussex on the train which left Wilmington at 8.30 o'clock the plan being to go to Millersboro by train, thence by carriage and automobiles to Bethany Beach. Before starting on the trip Senator Monaghan, a member of the committee which made the arrangements, said the following members had given assurance of their participation: Senators Drexler, Monaghan, Morrison and Corbit, Representatives Ainsworth, Spruance, Connolly, Welch, Reeves, Platts, Grubb and Soper, Clerk Rogers of the House, Reading Clerk McNabb of the House and ex-Representative Holcomb.

PERSONALITIES.

Mr. Nathaniel Williams is visiting relatives in Milford.

Mrs. Z. T. Bradley is the guest of relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jolly were Philadelphia visitors on Wednesday.

Miss Louise McCrone, of Baltimore, Md., is home for several weeks.

Mr. George Hukill left this week for Carlisle, Pa., to enter Conway Hall.

Mr. Joseph Craddock, of Philadelphia, is visiting his uncle, Mr. W. B. Kates.

Mr. R. E. Outp, of Philadelphia, head trimmer for A. Fogel, arrived on Thursday.

Mrs. J. C. Parker is visiting her brother, Mr. Thomas Reese and family, in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Miller, of Burlington, N. J., spent this week with Miss Louise Reynolds.

Miss Mollie Caldwell, of Port Deposit, Md., is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. V. S. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wise, of New Castle, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jolly.

Mr. J. S. Carley, of New York, will spend Sunday with Mrs. I. R. McCrone and family.

Mrs. Anna Wise and Miss Lottie Jolly were guests of relatives at Glottie on Wednesday.

Miss Gertrude Posey, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with Miss Edna Banning.

Mr. Emory Hukill left on Tuesday for Mercersburg, Pa., where he will enter a preparatory school.

Mr. Romer McCrone, of Ithaca, N. Y., is spending several days with his mother, Mrs. I. R. McCrone.

Miss Adelaide McIntyre, of Philadelphia, is being entertained by the Misses Eibel and Helen Brady.

Miss Eva E. Whitlock has returned to Philadelphia, after spending the summer months at her home here.

Mr. Grant Kowalski, of Philadelphia, was entertained by Mr. Samuel Price and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Sidney Peverly, of Mechanicsville, Md., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George V. Peverly.

Miss Doris Fleetwood, of Georgetown, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Holden, several days this week.

Mrs. E. W. Pharo and children have returned to their home, after spending sometime with their parents near town.

Miss A. Louise Reynolds, of New York City, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds.

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Adams, of Harrington, spent this week with their daughter, Mrs. John A. Jolly, on Cass street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rothwell, of New Castle, spent several days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jolly.

Miss Mary Lewis left on Sunday for Sea Bright, N. J., where she has accepted a position as teacher in a Kindergarten school.

Mrs. Anna Wise returned to her home in West Chester, Pa., on Wednesday, after spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jolly.

Mrs. Thomas Rothwell and daughter, Miss Minnie, of Hattboro, Pa., were guests of her sisters, the Misses Beaton, on Cass street, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter and daughter, Miss Viola, who have been spending the summer in Ocean View, Va., have returned home.

Mrs. Thomas Riley, of Salem, N. J., and daughter, Mrs. Edward Craig, of Philadelphia, spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Banning.

Rev. W. H. Hutcheson will leave this morning for Crisfield, Md., where he will occupy the pulpit of Ashbury M. E. Church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. T. A. H. O'Brien.

Mr. George W. Hayes, of Los Angeles, Cal., is spending a few days with friends here. Mr. Hayes was an employee of THE TRANSCRIPT in the 90's, and his old friends here are extending him the glad hand.

BETHESDA CHURCH NOTES

Sunday last, September 19th, the Rev. R. K. Stephenson, the newly appointed Superintendent of Eastern District, held the quarterly Love-feast at 9.30 A. M., and preached most acceptably at 10.30 A. M. At 7.30 P. M., Rev. R. H. Adams, a former pastor, preached to a very appreciative audience.

By the District Superintendent's appointment, the pastor, Rev. Vaughan S. Collins, preached at St. Paul's Church, Odessa, at 10.30.

Sunday next, September 19th, will be Rally Day at Bethesda. In the morning there will be a class meeting at 9.30 o'clock, and preaching by the pastor at 10.30 A. M. 3 P. M., a reunion of the Sunday School, at which Dr. F. H. Moore, pastor of Forest Presbyterian Church, will be chief speaker. At 6.30 P. M., an experience meeting in the lecture room led by Rev. J. A. Arden, and at 7.30 P. M., a meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood, at which General L. T. Parker, of South Church, Wilmington, will be the chief speaker. All are invited to attend.

Church improvements are now well under way, the committees having pretty well settled on their plans, but contracts have not yet been awarded except in two cases; the heating to J. T. Roberts, and the pavement to Alfred Green.

DR. BELL MAY RESIGN

Former United States Senator L. Heiler Bell has received his commission as census supervisor for Delaware. In a conversation, Dr. Bell stated that he did not expect to make any appointments of enumerators before the first of the year. He also stated that the bill authorizing the taking of the census does not call for the appointment of an assistant supervisor in each county.

Dr. Bell being chairman of the Republican county committee, he was asked what he would do relative to a role of the Census Bureau, which is to the effect that no supervisor or enumerator shall hold office or membership in any political committee or take any active part in politics while he is engaged in the census work. Dr. Bell stated that he was not ready to discuss this phase of the subject at this time.

Engineer Wilson's Condition

County Engineer James Wilson, who had both legs broken in an automobile accident on the Kennett turnpike several weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to be able to get about his room at his home, with the aid of crutches, but it will be some time before he will be able to walk without assistance.

BATTLESHIP GIFT

New Design Was Formally Approved by the Committee.
The Board of Trade committee arranged on behalf of the people of the state to present a \$10,000 silver service to the battleship Delaware, in the office of Josiah Marvel in the depot building in Wilmington, on Wednesday afternoon.

The committee agreed upon a final design for the silver service by making some slight changes to the design as originally prepared by Howard Fyfe. Plans for raising money for the service were discussed informally and they will be decided upon at a meeting of the committee next week. It is understood that a number of benefits are contemplated for the winter. The committee has \$5,000 in hand.

The changes in the design for the service were trifling. It was decided to eliminate medals, and the single head design for the handle of the punch bowl was changed to one of conventional type. Mr. Marvel expressed no doubt after the meeting that there would be a ready response throughout the state to the committee's call for contributions. "We have no doubt," he said, "that the people will supply the rest of the fund without difficulty. There has not been a very systematic canvass, but the committee purposes to go about this work after its next meeting. Five thousand dollars has been obtained without a great deal of effort. All down the state, town committees have been appointed to collect funds, and there is no doubt that the funds from that source will amount to two or three thousand dollars."

APPLE COMPANY TO BE INCORPORATED

The Delaware Apple Company, which is being promoted and organized by State Librarian H. Ridgely Harrington who with some friends owns lands in Sussex counties which have been set in selected apple stock, will be incorporated this week, and it is proposed, will have three vice-presidents, one from each county, or at least men of prominence and success in horticulture.

The plan is an unique one and is attracting a number of investors. The applicant pays ten cents per tree for each tree planted on lands that are to be devoted by Mr. Harrington, eight years hence, or when the apple tree comes into bearing to the Delaware Apple Company, in which the owner of the trees then becomes a stockholder. The apples are to be cultured, grown, handled and sold by the company which will have its regular stockholders meetings and be conducted entirely in their interests. The dollars buys a hundred trees—live apple trees—the ground on which they are planted, and the promoter consents to keep them sprayed, pruned and cultivated until they come in bearing.

WARWICK

Mr. William Lofland spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. Clarence Lipecomb spent Sunday at his home here.

Mrs. H. M. Eaton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bayard Jordan.

Mr. Victor Smith spent one evening of this week with friends in town.

Preaching services at the M. P. Church to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Beulah Cullum is spending sometime with relatives in Washington.

Miss Beaula W. Gunkel is spending sometime with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. U. P. Ginn and sons were the guests of her mother, Mrs. V. L. Vinyard.

Mrs. Josephine Wilson is entertaining her sister and friend from Philadelphia.

Mrs. R. B. Merritt, Jr., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bishop, on Wednesday.

Mr. Clarence Cullum has returned to Washington, after spending his vacation at his home here.

Miss Bertha Lynch has returned home, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Harry Pense, in Chesapeake City.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. W. Harman Reynolds was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mr. Lydon Townsend, of Philadelphia, is visiting his sister here.

Mrs. Edward Hart and children were in Smyrna on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Smith, of near town, spent Wednesday with Mrs. George Knott.

Miss Edith Money, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with relatives in and near town.

Mrs. Mary Money and daughter, Miss Mary, are spending this week with Mr. William Naylor and family, near Odessa.

Mrs. Maggie Lee and daughter Eibel returned home on Tuesday, after spending twelve weeks with relatives and friends near Smyrna.

The Ladies' Aid Society was very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. F. C. MacSorley and Mrs. W. Lattoms at the home of the former on Tuesday.

WORKHOUSE TRUSTEES

The monthly meeting of the trustees of the County Workhouse was held Tuesday. Treasurer Carpenter reported the purchase of \$1,000 worth of workhouse bonds, which were paid for out of the secured interest fund. The financial report of the superintendent showed the following amount due: Levy Court of New Castle county, for bond of prisoners for August, \$9,555.25; Levy Court of Sussex county, bond for May, June, July and August, \$6,127.40; Oppenheim & Co., bill for August, \$1,337.75; sale of building stone from quarries, \$455; cash on hand, \$891.70. Chief Warden Crawford's report showed the population August 31st to be 374; cost of officers per day, 231 cents; cost of prisoners, 91.7 cents; total number of trousers made 5,680 dozen; receipts during the month, \$8,083.94. The reports were accepted.

Shot Was Accidental

Coroner Gaylor went to Delaware City Wednesday and made an investigation into the shooting of Thomas Swan, aged twelve years, on last Saturday. Swan died on Sunday at the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, as a result of his injuries, the bullet having entered his abdomen. Howard Holliday, aged twelve years, had the rifle in his hand when it was discharged, and the shot struck Swan. It was found that the shooting was entirely accidental and that the Holliday boy was in no way to blame.

ODESSA

Miss Marcella Keegan is visiting friends in Elkton, Md.

Mrs. Hollis Baker, of Aberdeen, Md., is spending sometime here.

Mrs. Josephine Hanley, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Benjamin Sacks and family spent this week with friends in Wilmington.

Miss Sarah Phillips, of Argyle, Pa., is spending sometime with Miss Eibel L. Mally.

Mrs. Emily Walker and daughter, Miss Mary, spent a few days this week with friends here.

Miss Eibel Webb is spending this week with her uncle, Mr. Walter Ginn, near McDonough.

Miss Florence Berry has returned home, after a very pleasant visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. H. D. Stevens, of New York, is spending sometime with Mrs. Willard Spicer, near town.

Miss Bertha Stevens left Wednesday for Philadelphia, after spending sometime with friends here.

Mr. William P. Rhein, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rhein.

Mrs. Herman Kumpel had as her guest this week Mrs. Elia Hopkins and Miss Bertha Kios, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. A. Hampson, Mrs. James Melvin and Mrs. Robert Mobray have returned to Baltimore, after spending this week with Mrs. L. Gileb.

Misses Jeanette and Helen Watkins have returned to school at Blairstown, N. J., after spending the summer with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watkins.

CECILTON

Mr. James H. Smith was a Baltimore visitor recently.

Mrs. Shaw, of Baltimore, spent this week with her son, Mr. A. Shaw.

Miss H. Oldham, of Washington, D. C., is visiting relatives in and near town.

Miss Olive Milliken spent a few days last week with Miss Christine Lathbrige.

Miss Emma Morgan, of Chesapeake City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. C. Lashby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mann, of Baltimore, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Black.

Miss Mary Blackwell is spending sometime with friends in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mrs. William H. Brown was the guest of Mr. Samuel T. Moffet, near Still Pond, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore, of Wilmington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Helen Dunlap, who has been spending sometime with friends here, has returned to her home in Wilmington.

Mrs. W. Gary, of Kennedville, and Miss Marjorie Hague, of Trainer, Pa., were guests of relatives here last Thursday.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Reginald Walworth, of Harlock, Md., was a recent town visitor.

Dr. Albert B. Boulden, of Havre de Grace, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Margaret Johnson is enjoying a visit with Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. Wilson Merritt, of Warwick, visited friends in town Saturday.

Miss Marion Boulden, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with relatives in town.

Mrs. Lee Elliott and son Jack, of Newark, spent last week with relatives here.

Miss Bertha Smith, of Warwick, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Pense.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were entertained by W. H. friends over Sunday.

Presiding Elder Emory will preach in the M. E. Church Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

Wallace Pense, of Land, Fla., visited his mother, Mrs. E. Foard, several days last week.

Mrs. Mary Fears, of Baltimore, formerly of Port Herman, was buried at Bethel Cemetery Monday morning.

Miss Nannie Wright, a graduate of Mt. St. Agnes College, left for Wilmington Saturday, where she will teach in a convent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller, Miss Margaret Miller and Miss Miller have returned to Philadelphia, after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Graves and sons, Edwin and Reed, have returned to Marjotta, Pa., after spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reed.

Rev. R. C. Miller's class was pleasantly entertained at a "class social" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Byers Monday evening. A very entertaining musical program was rendered, after which refreshments were served.

The Sunshine Society was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Woolley Thursday evening. Mrs. H. H. Pense, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Thomas, of Baltimore, were present and made short addresses, after which refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Walston Smithers, Mrs. W. C. Kanner, Mrs. Ida Bouchelle, Mrs. James S. Hopper, Mrs. James W. Johnson, Mrs. William Boring, Mrs. J. Polt Steele, Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, Mrs. Annie Egan, Mrs. Julia M. Brady and Mrs. W. B. Byers; Miss Margaret Smith, Mrs. Hayes, Kay Price, Emma Morgan, Alice Hopper and Adelaide Clayton.

MORRIS-GRABY WEDDING

William J. Morris, of Georgetown, and Miss Bertha Gary, youngest daughter of Mr. Joseph Gary, of this town, were married Wednesday afternoon by Rev. C. T. E. Church, Wilmington. The ceremony was performed at Harrison Street Church parsonage.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY E. R. BOARD.
Wheat—No. 1 \$1.00 / Corn—No. 2 Yellow, shelled 75
Timothy Seed \$2.50 / Oats—No. 1 60
Clover Seed—114 /
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.
Eggs, per doz. 23/30
Country Butter, per lb. 20/30
Country Buttermilk, " " 30
Lard, per lb. 12/10
Live Chickens, per lb. 12/14
Potatoes, " " 13/45

37,000,000 TONS OF COAL

That a new high record in the coal and coke shipments along the Pennsylvania Railroad lines East of Pittsburgh will be established this year is the belief of local officials. From January 1st, 1909, to September 31st, the Pennsylvania alone handled 34,646,716 tons, as compared with 30,112,357 tons last year. Anthracite coal tonnage was about the same as in 1908, but both bituminous coal and coke show an increase of about 2,000,000 tons.

For the week ending September 4th the total tonnage amounted to 1,111,461 tons, divided as follows: Anthracite coal, 98,

THE SUMMER BOARDER

BY W. R. ROSE

The girl paused in the roadway and looked across the hedge. She saw a long low farmhouse in excellent repair and with nicely kept grounds about it—an apple orchard at one side and a grove of maples at the other. And in the midst of the close cut lawn she noted a neatly lettered board, propped a little above the earth, which bore these words, Maple Grove.

The girl opened the quaint gate that was set in the hedge and resolutely plodded up the gravelled pathway.

She was tired and dusty. She had walked three miles from the station and it was a hilly country, and the day was warm. The suit case she carried seemed to have increased its weight many fold, and she realized that there was more than a suspicion of a limp in her left ankle.

A woman was sitting behind the vines on the board porch, a gray-haired woman with a gentle face. She arose as the girl approached, and came to the steps.

The girl looked up at her with a warm smile, and then suddenly dropped down on the lower step. How do you do? she asked with a little gasp. Please let me catch my breath. That last hill would have daunted Bonnie's "Pilgrim" himself—we always called him Bonnie at school—to say nothing of a girl in sung shoes, with a New England hatred for dust.

She smiled again into the gentle face that seemed to grow more gentle as it looked down at her.

Come up on the porch, said the older woman, and take an easy chair and I will get a drink for you.

Thank you, said the girl, but never mind the drink—I had a long and strong quaff from the spring at the bend of the road. It was nectar with a touch of iron. I will take the easy chair.

She came up on the porch and put the suit case down and sank into the easy chair.

If I had laid out Paradise, she murmured. I would have put a broad porch all round it.

The older woman smiled. And do you think the porch would have barred out the evil one? she asked.

I'm afraid the dear old apple orchard yonder would have drawn him, she answered. But I'm quite sure that if this had been Paradise he never would have gone back to his deserted fireside.

The older woman smiled again. That's very flattering to our humble farmhouse, she said. But take off your hat and coat.

The girl shook her pretty head. Not quite yet, please. I must be sure I am right. This is Maple Farm, isn't it?

The older lady nodded. Yes, it has been called Maple Farm for fully eighty years.

The girl wrinkled her pretty forehead. I did something very careless, she said. I came away without Laura Blair's letter. It came just before I started and I only had time to glance it though. Then I must have laid it down somewhere. You see Laura is my best girl friend, and she knew about my vacation, and so she sent me an address. She said it was such a very nice place for a summer outing. She hadn't been there herself but Ida Frohisher told her about it, and Ida had the reputation of being very finicky. I remember the name of the railway station and all about the walk over the hills, but I'm not sure of the name of the place. It was Maple something. Do you take summer boarders?

The older lady gave a little stare. It's rather early in the season, was her mildly evasive reply.

Yes, of course, the girl agreed, but that wouldn't prevent you from taking me, would it? Oh, I hope not. You seem so very nice and the place is beautiful—and I'm a very, very small eater.

The older woman smiled. Take off your hat and dust cloak and let me look at you, she said.

The girl stood up and obeyed. She was trim and neat, despite fatigue and the dust, and her profuse brown hair was tastefully arranged. It was upon this mass of golden strands that the older woman looked with an earnest approval.

I am really nicer than I appear, said the girl, with a soft little laugh. Please remember the warm little walk over the hills, with a lot of what might be called excess baggage—at least that's the way it was.

The older woman nodded. Sit down again, please. What is your name?

Faith Temple. I am an orphan. I teach French—French and singing in a private school. Every summer I go away from the city for a change—and all the rest I can absorb. I went to a horrid boarding school last year—hot and crowded and dear. I have a letter in my suit case from our principal. It will tell you who I am—and I'd be very glad to pay in advance if that will add to your confidence in me. Do you think you can ask me in?

The older woman had listened to this hurried explanation with an amused smile.

Do I understand that you sing? Yes.

Will you sing for me? Certainly.

The older lady took the girl into the pleasant parlor. A handsome upright piano stood at one side of the apartment.

This was bought for my niece, said the older lady. She is married and lives abroad.

The girl seated herself at the instrument and ran her fingers along the keys with a smile of approval. Then she sang a sweet old ballad. Her voice was a pure soprano, light but sympathetic, and she used it with much skill.

More, please, said the older lady, and the girl sang again and again, and then her audience was increased by the stout figure of the maid, who stood in the doorway wondering, and who suddenly put her apron to her eyes and ran away as the last sweet strains of Robin Adair filled the room.

Then there was a little silence. You may stay here if you think you will like it, said the older woman.

Thank you, thank you, cried the girl. I'm sure I like it. But wait, please. I—I must know the price. Laura said in that letter that I forgot something about the price being \$6 a week without any extras. There has been no change in your rates, I hope?

There has been no change, the older woman replied, and she smiled as she said it. And now if that is satisfactory, I will show you your room.

So Faith Temple began her sojourn at Maple Farm, and a delightful sojourn it was. The restraint and narrowness of her life had all forgotten. She romped about like a wild child. She climbed trees and picked berries and hunted eggs. And when she quieted down she sat on the great porch and read aloud to the hostess or sang to her, and talked in her vivacious way about her experience in the great city.

And the two women were helpful to each other. The girl banished the loneliness of the older woman's life, and the gentle sweetness of the older woman's character softened and ennobled the character of the girl.

But where are your boarders? the girl inquired one day.

I didn't advertise this year, responded the other lady with a quick smile.

That's a very unfortunate thing for the boarders who don't come, said the girl, but it's wonderfully lucky for me. I'm just mean enough to be glad they don't know what they are missing. Yet it doesn't seem right that I should enjoy all these delights alone.

The older woman shook her head. You can't beguile me into charging any less than \$6 a week, she laughingly said.

The girl looked at the older woman and her face suddenly sobered, and she put her arms about her neck.

You are so kind and good, she murmured and there was a suspicious moisture in her eyes. May I call you mother now and then? You know I never knew my own mother.

The older woman gently kissed the upturned face.

You may call me mother if you like, she said.

You don't think the boy will object?

The girl knew there was a son somewhere, "the boy," of his mother's thoughts and love. She fancied he was quite young, but she forebore to ask any questions concerning him.

The boy is far away, said the mother, but he may be home soon. I had a letter from him yesterday. And he's coming home! cried the girl. I am so glad for your sake, dear mother. Oh, perhaps I have his room? Will his coming make any difference to me?

No, said the boy's mother, Elmer's room is in the east wing. And I'm afraid he will not stay long. He hoped to be here most of the summer, but his plans are all changed.

Nothing more was said about the boy, and Faith's fears of being ousted from her temporary home were set at rest.

She had acquired the habit of retiring early, and one evening she was quite sure she heard wheels and voices after she had fallen into a doze. A door slammed somewhere, but she heard nothing more.

The next morning she was up bright and early and out on the lawn, gathering the usual bunch of flowers for the breakfast table.

Then she saw that a stranger was there before her. A stranger who was swinging a scythe as he crossed the lawn with measured steps. He was a tall, bareheaded stranger, a man of perhaps thirty, with clear cut features and fine gray eyes.

The fine gray eyes turned toward her as she approached and the scythe rested.

This must be the hired man who was expected from the Ridge settlement.

Good morning, Faith said in her fearless way. You haven't given the dew time to retire?

Good morning, said the man. He seemed dazed by the appearance of the lithe and graceful maid. I am getting a start of the sun, he added.

But he did not resume his mowing.

You are the man from beyond the Ridge? said Faith.

Yes, he answered, I am from beyond the Ridge. He seemed a little slow and diffident.

You mustn't let me interfere with your requirement for an appetite for breakfast, said Faith.

I've had my breakfast, said the man.

So early? cried Faith. Well, I haven't had mine. And I must hurry with the flowers for mother's table.

Mother's table? repeated the man.

Yes. I call Mrs. Randall mother. I think she likes it.

I like it, too, said the man and straightway resumed his mowing.

Faith stared at him, but he did not look up. It was a very odd remark. Evidently the new hired man had a streak of sentiment about him. He certainly had a fine face and such a strong figure. Faith's sympathy was stirred.

Isn't there something better that mowing beyond the Ridge? she asked.

He paused then and looked at the bright sunburned face.

I don't even mow well, he said.

But perhaps mowing isn't the thing that was put aside for you to do.

Perhaps not.

Have you had any chance to obtain an education?

I am still studying and learning, he replied.

If I can be of any help to you, said Faith. If I have any books that will aid you I will beglad to let you take them. I don't believe, she thoughtfully added, that nature intended you for a hewer and a mower.

Thank you, said the man, you are as kind as you are beautiful.

Faith flashed through the sunburn. Then she turned at a sudden call from the house.

Yes, Janet, she said, and ran across the lawn as light and swift as a startled Diana.

The man stared after her. Not a bit like the lady of my dreams, he murmured, but infinitely sweeter and fiercer. He drew a quick breath. Cells her mother, does she? That's a good omen.

Then he hung the scythe on a low branch of the nearest maple tree and put on his coat.

Faith found to her surprise that Mrs. Randall had already breakfasted, and so she ate alone. When she had finished she went out on the porch and gave a quick look across the lawn.

I met the new hired man this morning, she said in a casual way. He appeared like quite a superior person.

The new hired man? repeated the mother. Do you mean—oh, I understand. And she suddenly laughed. Then she added, He has gone.

Yes! echoed Faith.

He came to tell me that he would come again soon and stay longer.

He is a little peculiar, said Faith. He said he liked it because I called you mother.

The mother stared at the girl. Then she gently laid her hand on Faith's head. I was ten days later when Mrs. Randall asked Faith if she would drive from the station in the light wagon and meet her son.

Faith was delighted to go. The train was in when she reached the station and she looked about her for the boy. There was no boy in sight. Mrs. Randall had told her that the boy would know her. But the boy wasn't there.

As she turned reluctantly and started towards home she overtook a man. She recognized him at a glance. It was the hired man. He raised his hat. He certainly had nice manners.

Are you going my way? Faith asked. He nodded, and she waited for him to take the seat beside her.

There was an air of constraint resting upon the young couple. But presently it wore away. They were talking quite

busily when they passed a farmhouse that stood back from the highway. A gust of laughter came to them.

Whose house is that? Faith asked.

That's Maple Grove, the man answered. It is quite a resort for summer boarders. They seem to have a lively party there this year.

Faith gave a little gasp. Maple Grove! Now she understood.

And the man found her singularly reticent.

As she drove up to the porch Mrs. Randall ran forward.

My dear, dear boy! she cried and put her arms about the man.

Faith drew back and tears of shame filled her pretty eyes.

Here was more humiliation. Not only had she forced her way into a private home, but she had patronized the pigeon of the house.

Faith, dear, said the fond mother, I don't think you have formally met my boy. Prof. Elmer Randall, Miss Faith Temple.

The girl's face burned.

I—I must go, she murmured. I am so ashamed. Please believe that I did not know what I was doing. And thank you so very, very much.

She turned away with a sudden sob, but the mother caught and held her fast.

Why, Faith, dear, she cried, it was a blessed mistake. I would not have taken you in if I hadn't wanted you. You cheered my loneliness. You were like sunshine in the old home. You can't go, dear. I want you. I'd like to have you here always. Ask her to stay, Elmer.

So she stayed.

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